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1. THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE RE-
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PLENISHMENT NEGOTIATION BY NILS CAVALLI-BJORKMAN, DEPUTY UNDER
SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. CAVALLI-BJORKMAN EXPRESSED
GREAT INTEREST IN THE TALKING POINTS MADE IN REFTEL AND SAID
HE THOUGHT THAT IN A GENERAL WAY THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT LOOKS
AT THE ISSUES OF THE REPLENISHMENT MEETING IN ABOUT THE
SAME WAY AS DOES THE USG. HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE
SOME QUESTION WHETHER NON-REGIONAL MEMBERS WOULD AGREE

TO INCREASE THEIR SHARE TO EIGHT PERCENT AND ALSO THOUGHT A CONTINUANCE OF THE USG VETO IN THE FSO MIGHT BE CRITICIZED. HE NOTED THAT THE SWEDISH RIKSDAG DEBATE ON IDB MEMBERSHIP HAD SURFACED SUCH CRITICISM.

2. EMBASSY RECALLS THAT SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE IDB HAD TO BE POSITED AS AN EXPORT PROMOTION MATTER IN ORDER TO GET AROUND HEAVY POLITICAL CRITICISM FROM THE RIKSDAG, AND AVOID A POSSIBLE PARLIAMENTARY DEFEAT. THE COMMERCE MINISTER, STAFFAN BURENSTAM LINDER AT THE TIME OF DEBATE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE BANK INTENDED TO DO MORE FOR THE POOREST OF THE LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS. HE ARGUED THAT MEMBERSHIP ALSO GAVE THE GOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFLUENCE THE BANK IN THE "RIGHT" DIRECTION OF LENDING. THUS, THOUGH JUSTIFIED ON COMMERCIAL GROUNDS, THE GOS HAS KEPT THE BANK MEMBERSHIP TUNED IN THE DIRECTION OF HELPING THE POORT.
KENNEDY-MINOTT

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